

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the first paragraph on Page 8 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 2 is a schematic representation a situation where the RFID tag detector is operatively coupled to, but not integral with, the battery operated device, in accordance with the present invention. Such an arrangement may be used in an office environment where there are multiple devices. Devices 210, 220, 230 and 240 are operative connected to tag detector ~~250~~ 260 through network ~~260~~ 250. The connections to network ~~260~~ 250 may be either physical in nature (e.g., hardwired) or non-physical (e.g., wireless). Tag reader ~~250~~ 260 is then able to determine, as discussed above, whether a user was in the office or not, and provide this information to all of the machines of interest in the user's office. In this embodiment, the tag reader may be permanently connected to the electrical mains and therefore not be as constrained by the amount of energy it consumes as part of the reading process. However, a similar tag reader would be required at each location where the user is likely to use the device, and in addition, the devices themselves will need to be aware of where they are physically located, which may be determined, for example, from which network address the device is assigned or to which router the device is connected.